

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-20 are pending, in which claim 1 is currently amended, and claims 11-20 are newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 objected to claims 1 and rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite, claims 1-5, 7, and 8 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Anderson et al.* (US 5,255,918) in view of *O'Doherty et al.* (US 6,383,090), and claims 9 and 10 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Anderson et al.* in view of *O'Doherty et al.* further in view of *Campau* (US 4,398,965).

Claims 6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the claim amendment, it is believed that the § 112, second paragraph rejection is overcome.

To advance prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite “a means for defining a cavity portion between said plate-like face body and a back part of said head body, said cavity portion being defined so as to extend in said head body from a first position adjacent to the toe portion of said head body to a second position adjacent to a heel end of said head body, said second position being remote from said secondary periphery in a direction toward said heel end of said head body, said head body having a receipt portion thereof provided for receiving a rear face portion of said plate-like face body adjacent to said second periphery, and **said receipt portion having a length equal to or less than one fourth of a length of said second periphery.**”

By contrast, none of the applied art of *Anderson et al.*, *O'Doherty et al.*, and *Campau*, alone or in combination, discloses the above claim features. *Anderson et al.*, col. 2: 53-63 (FIG.

2), discloses a metal wood golf club that has a main body portion 20 forming a first rearwardly re-entrant recess 41 directly communicating with the face plate rear side 21b, over the major area of said plate rear side. Recess 41 is closed when plate 21 is attached. Accordingly, the space 41 allows rearward deflection of the main extent of the plate 21, inwardly of ledges 28-31, during high speed plate impact with a golf ball.

Thus, *Anderson et al.* does not disclose **“said receipt portion having a length equal to or less than one fourth of a length of said second periphery.”**

The secondary references of *O'Doherty et al.* and *Campau* do not cure the deficiencies of *Anderson et al.* *O'Doherty et al.* is applied for a supposed teaching of the maraging steel, per page 3 of the Office Action. *Campau* is applied for a supposed teaching of an iron golf club head a head body made of 17-4 stainless steel (page 5 of the Office Action).

Turning now to newly added claims 11-20, independent claim 11 is drawn to the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 6. Accordingly, new independent claim 11, along with the claims 12-18 depending therefrom, should be allowable.

With respect to newly added claim 19, this claim is drawn to a golf club head, and recites “a plate-like face body made of a metallic material different from the metal of the head body, wherein the plate-like face body defines a cavity portion with the head body, **the cavity portion extending beyond a vertical edge of the plate-like face body adjacent to the hosel part.**”

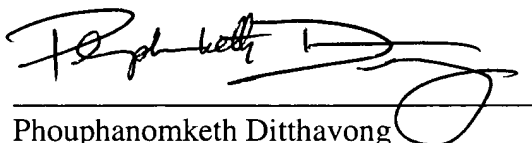
This feature is absent from the applied art. Thus, claim 19 is allowable. Claim 20 depends from claim 19, and also be indicated as allowable. Further, claim 20 is allowable on its own merits, as it recites “wherein the head body has a receiving portion adjacent to the vertical edge of the plate-like face body, and the receiving portion has a length less than about one fourth of the length of the edge of the plate-like face body.”

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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